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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/W SMITH

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SUBJECT: INFORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON LAY OF LAND

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1. WE ARE WORKING ON COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO REFTEL.
IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE NO RPT
NO PROBLEMS WITH COMMERCIAL PURCHASES IN U.S. OF NON-LETHAL
MILITARY ITEMS BY GIRM. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR
SOME TIME. WE HAVE ALSO, ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS,
APPROVED MODEST QUANTITY COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF SMALL
ARMS BY GIRM -- SUCH AS 100 BROWNING .50 CALIBER MACHINE
GUN BARRELS IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY
SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH GIRM,
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BELIEVE THAT OUR OVERALL POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR MAURITANIA'S
GENERAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS IS
REASONABLE AND PROVIDES SOUND BASIS FOR CONTINUATION OF
THE EVOLVING AND WARMING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP NOTED IN
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